Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert S. Thompson was born on April 25, 1919, to William and Maude Thompson, at Tyndall, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Robert married Mary Simonson on May 29, 1943, and to that union three children were born, Bill, Mary Jo, and Paul; and,

Whereas, Robert enjoyed a distinguished teaching career that spanned 45 years. He spent 6 years as a public school teacher and administrator and 39 years as a history professor at Northern State University. During his career, he also became a professional friend of George McGovern; and,

Whereas, Robert will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather on April 25th in Aberdeen, South Dakota, at the McGovern Day Banquet to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2009, as

ROBERT THOMPSON DAY

and I join all his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State